

Abstract of the Disclosure

A portable telephone with an originator acknowledge function includes an originator confirmation button, response button, response mode controller, display, channel controller, message sending unit, and monitor. The response mode controller controls the response mode to an originator confirmation mode in which only reception is possible when the originator confirmation button is operated, and controls the response mode to a normal response mode in which both transmission and reception are possible when the response button is operated. The channel controller activates the response mode controller and connects a channel in the originator confirmation mode. The message sending unit sends a first message prompting a response of an originator to the channel when the channel is connected in the originator confirmation mode. The monitor outputs a speech signal of the originator from the channel to a recipient via a receiver after the first message is sent. The response mode controller switches the response mode from the originator confirmation mode to the normal response mode when the response button is operated during the originator confirmation mode.

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